

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



City Manager Brian LaBorde and Assistant City Manager Tom Yantis talk with citizens at the Murphy Park and Bull Branch Park community meeting held on January 15 at the American Legion.

For the City of Taylor, 2020 is shaping up to be a year of planning. We kicked off the new year with several community meetings to discuss the Parks Master Plan for Murphy Park, Bull Branch Park, and Fannie Robinson Park, an exercise that proved to be helpful for all involved. We also were happy to welcome the LEAD Taylor class of 2020.

The goal of the community meetings was to get input from the community about how best to improve the City's park system, recreation facilities, and programming. Feedback gathered from the community will be put into a preliminary park concept plan, which will be presented at another public open house meeting in the spring.

It is not too late for citizens to give feedback and comments. We have a page set up on our website at www.taylor.tx.gov that has information about how to send us your comments as well as copies of the boards displayed at the meetings for review.

We started classes for the 2020 LEAD Taylor program on January 16. LEAD Taylor is a great opportunity for citizens to get an in-depth look at government operations, community planning and awareness, and the opportunity to learn about civic culture from the inside. We have a great group of students this year and I encourage anyone that is interested to look out for applications for next year's class starting this summer.

BRIAN LABORDE
City Manager



A groundbreaking ceremony was held on January 15 to begin construction on the new Dickey-Givens Community Center.

BREAKING GROUND FOR THE NEW DICKEY-GIVENS COMMUNITY CENTER

Council members and community members broke ground on January 15 to mark the start of construction on the new Dickey-Givens Community Center.

Mayor Brandt Rydell welcomed guests and remarks were given by Council member Gerald Anderson, former Mayor Don Hill and his wife, Leslie Hill, and City Engineer Jacob Walker.

The Dickey-Givens Community Center is an important part of Taylor's

history and also a landmark in our community today. It was important to City Council and staff that the new structure keep the character and spirit of the original center. Plans for the new building will mimic the design of the building that was constructed in 1940 and will also include some of the furnishings from the original building.

Completion of the new Dickey-Givens Community Center is anticipated by the end of this summer.

UNITED WAY OFFERS FREE TAX PREPARATION

Williamson County United Way has announced dates and locations for tax preparation assistance. IRS-certified preparers will provide tax help for households earning \$55,000 or less annually and senior citizens. **For information about what you need to bring**, please call (512) 255-6799 or 2-1-1 or visit WilcoFreeTaxPrep.org or unitedway-wc.org.

PREPARERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

LOCATION	DATES	HOURS AVAILABLE
Taylor City Hall 400 Porter Street Taylor, TX 76574	Jan 27 – Apr 15	Mondays 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Taylor Public Library 801 Vance Street Taylor, TX 76574	Feb 5 – Apr 15	Wednesdays 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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CAN I FLUSH IT?

Flushing the wrong items down the toilet can cause problems for not only a person's home or business, but also for the City's wastewater treatment systems can be damaged.

Many household products are labeled and marketed as disposable and/or flushable. While those products may be marketed as a convenience item, they do not break down like toilet paper once they are flushed.

The Public Works Department would like to remind citizens that the following items should not be flushed down the toilet:

- Diapers (cloth or disposable)
- Facial tissues
- Baby wipes, moist wipes,
- Cotton swabs
- Toilet cleaning pads
- Mop or "Swiffer" type refills
- Paper towels
- Bio-pads
- Feminine hygiene products



jewelry wipes, cosmetic wipes, disinfecting/surface wipes, pet care wipes, first aid wipes and ANY moist type towelette wipes

ANNUAL SEWER AVERAGING BEGINS

As a reminder, the City of Taylor conducts its annual sewer averaging from late November through March. The months that are used for averaging are typically the lowest consumption months of the year. These three months are averaged to get the sewer rates for the next 12 months.

Prior to the averaging period you

are advised to repair any leaky faucets or running toilets and any other water leaks. This will avoid a high usage month during the averaging period and help to keep your sewer rate down.

If you have questions about the averaging period in your zone, please call Utility Billing department at 512-352-2066.

WASTEWATER AVERAGING PERIOD PER ZONE			
<i>To find your zone, look at the payment coupon of your water bill next to the billing address.</i>			
	SERVICE DATES	BILLING DATES	NEW RATE APPEARS ON BILL DATE
ZONE 1	11/25/19 – 2/26/20	1/5/20, 2/5/20, 3/5/20	4/5/20
ZONE 2	12/5/19 – 3/5/20	1/12/20, 2/12/20, 3/12/20	4/12/20
ZONE 3	12/12/19 – 3/12/20	1/19/20, 2/19/20, 3/19/20	4/19/20
ZONE 4	12/19/19 – 3/18/20	1/26/20, 2/26/20, 3/26/20	4/26/20

TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR

Feb 12 – Valentines Storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Feb 15-17 – Library Closed for Presidents' Day

Feb 22 – Sewing Saturday: Ladybug Coin Purse, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

To stay up to date on city events, be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter, and check the Community Calendar on the City's website at taylortx.gov.

February

8 SECOND SATURDAY

DOWNTOWN TAYLOR | 10 A.M. - 9 P.M.

Shops in downtown Taylor are open late on the second Saturday of every month.

12 PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

5 P.M. | CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

The Taylor Public Arts Advisory Board meets every second Wednesday of the month.

20 THIRD THURSDAY

DOWNTOWN TAYLOR | ALL DAY

Shops in downtown Taylor are open late on the third Thursday of every month.

March

9- SPRING BREAK AT THE LIBRARY

TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY | TIMES VARY

Activities, movies, & a Truck Petting Zoo. Call the Library for more information, 512-352-3434

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HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on:
FEBRUARY 17 (PRESIDENTS' DAY)

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays: February 13, 27; March 12, 26

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at City Hall. Watch meetings live online or taped recordings at www.taylortx.gov.